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In re Patent No. 6,046,412
Issue Date: April 4, 2000
Application No. 09/199,919
Filed: November 25, 1998
Title of Invention: **HEAVY DUTY WEIGH SCALE**

This is a decision on the petition filed August 20, 2012 under 37 CFR 1.378(c)¹, to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378 (c) is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on April 4, 2000. The third maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from April 4, 2011 to October 3, 2011 or, with a surcharge during the period from October 4, 2011 to April 4, 2012. Accordingly, this patent expired on April 4, 2012 for failure to timely remit the third maintenance fee.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision. Fees in the amount of \$2365.00 for the third maintenance fee and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge have been applied.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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¹37 CFR 1.378(c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.